

FRATERNAL ALEXANDRIA.

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Alexandria is in many respects one of the most interesting fraternal cities in America. Few cities of its size have so many well-organized and progressive associations, which include practically every national society, and in few communities does the membership of these societies include such a representative body of men and women as it does in Alexandria. Much of this is undoubtedly due to the fact that Alexandria is one of the oldest cities in America; that its history far antedates the birth of a great majority of the secret societies, many of them having established their branches here from the very beginning, and, consequently, their traditions and secret work have been handed down from father to son for many generations.

Not only do the fraternal organizations of Alexandria have a direct and noticeable bearing upon the business and social life of the city, but because of two of them Alexandria has established a world-wide reputation. Here is located the Masonic lodge over which Gen. George Washington presided as worshipful master, the mecca of Masons from all parts of the world, who view with wonder and admiration the Masonic and personal relics of that great American whose name is a synonym for liberty. Here is found the oldest Red Men's lodge in America—Osceola, No. 1, still vigorous in its old age.

Because of its connection with Gen. Washington, the Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, A. F. and A. M., stands out more prominently than any other body in the city. Especially is this true at the present time, when its members are making a canvas of the United States to complete a memorial to Washington, the Mason, which will ever stand as a monument of the love and gratitude of Masons for one who elevated the craft in such a notable manner. The memorial will be in the form of a temple which will cost \$500,000. Already a number of handsome donations have been received, and active work in the soliciting of funds for this purpose is in progress in many States.

Masonic Bodies.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge was established February 25, 1783, securing a charter from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. In 1788 it surrendered the Pennsylvania warrant and secured a charter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and Gen. Washington became its first master. Its records, kept since 1783, are virtually an unbroken chain of historic Masonic events, stretching over the whole period of our national existence and beyond. Its old lodge room, which forms an integral part of the city hall, is a veritable museum of relics connected with the life of Washington and the history of the lodge.

The officers of Alexandria-Washington Lodge are Charles H. Callahan, worshipful master; E. H. Kemper, senior warden; S. W. Pitts, junior warden; R. W. Arnold, treasurer; A. G. Uhler, secretary; C. B. Swan, senior deacon; Donald Altheson, junior deacon, and George W. Zachary and Charles E. Tenneson, stewards.

The second blue lodge is Andrew Jackson, No. 120, named after "Old Hickory," who was grand master of Masons in Tennessee. It was chartered December 14, 1846, and is a close rival to its older sister lodge.

Its officers are John Graham, worshipful master; Frank W. Latham, senior warden; Thomas A. Fisher, junior warden; W. L. Allen, treasurer; J. E. Alexander, secretary; C. E. Outcalt, senior deacon; Walter B. Davis, junior deacon, and C. A. Gwinn and W. W. Ballenger, stewards.

Mount Vernon Chapter, No. 14, Royal Arch Masons, was established December 16, 1842, and is the largest chapter, numerically, in the State of Virginia.

Its officers are M. L. Dinwiddie, high priest; Frank W. Latham, king; W. B. Davis, scribe; W. L. Allen, treasurer; A. G. Uhler, secretary; C. W. Fletcher, captain of the host; C. Page Waller, principal sojourner; Walter C. Davis, royal arch captain, and George W. Zachary, W. H. Bontz and C. H. Callahan, masters of the vails.

In April of this year there was estab-

lished in Alexandria the various Scottish Rite bodies, which have already made a most excellent start. They confer all of the Masonic degrees from the fourth to the thirty-second, included, and are as follows:

George Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection, No. 7—W. G. Lebew, venerable master; Charles T. Lindsey, senior warden; Robert S. Barrett, junior warden; Leopold Ruben, orator; Edgar Warfield, sr., almoner.

Randolph Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 3—James E. Alexander, wise master; William J. Boothe, senior warden; Thomas A. Fisher, junior warden; Robert S. Barrett, orator; James E. King, almoner; James W. Bales, master of ceremonies.

Lafayette Council of Kadosh, No. 2—Dr. S. B. Moore, preceptor; Judge C. E. Nicol, first sub-preceptor; J. W. Bales, second sub-preceptor; D. H. Prescott, chancellor; O. P. Angelo, orator; James E. King, almoner; A. A. Paul, master of ceremonies.

Virginia Consistory, No. 2—Judge J. K. M. Norton, master of kadosh; George T. Burroughs, prior; Thomas C. Smith, preceptor; N. S. Greenaway, chancellor; William S. Connelly, orator; James E. King, hospitalier; P. T. Harrington, master of ceremonies. J. M. Duncan is treasurer of all Scottish Rite bodies, and V. A. Slaughter is secretary of the same.

Old Dominion Commandery, No. 11, has had a most prosperous career since its organization in 1872, numbering 165 sir knights upon its roll. This body always makes a most handsome appearance in their Templar uniforms. Its officers are M. L. Dinwiddie, eminent commander; F. W. Latham, generalissimo; G. A. Gwinn, captain general; W. C. Lebew, senior warden; H. K. Field, prelate; Edgar Warfield, sr., treasurer; A. G. Uhler, recorder; J. E. W. Timberman, junior warden; W. B. Davis, sword bearer; C. W. Fletcher, warden; W. C. Davis, third guard; A. H. Mitchell, second guard; J. M. Duncan, first guard, and P. C. Timberman, sentinel.

Catholic Societies.

In point of numbers, the Catholic societies in Alexandria are, by far, stronger than any other organization. They hold their meetings in the handsome hall of the Young Men's Sodality Lyceum, in Duke street. This building, which was built for its present purpose, is the center of Catholic fraternal life in Alexandria. Well-equipped clubrooms, which provide attractive social features, are a part of the equipment of this building.

Officers in the Catholic organizations in the city are as follows:

Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus—Dr. Edward A. Gorman, grand knight; Robert E. Power, deputy grand knight; Michael J. McFarland, chancellor; Francis T. Quinn, recorder; James Callan, financial secretary; Sylvester A. Breen, treasurer; A. A. Lucas, warden; Richard N. Roland, inside guard, and Frank M. Martin, outside guard.

Alexandria Division, No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians—John J. Hanratty, president; Terrance McGowan, vice president; R. E. Power, recording secretary; William H. Sweeney, treasurer; John Sweeney, sergeant-at-arms; Lyons H. Dolan, sentinel, and Dr. Edward A. Gorman, physician.

Young Men's Sodality Lyceum—Charles T. Hellmuth, president; Francis T. Quinn, vice president; William Desmond, recording secretary; Raymond Hellmuth, financial secretary; Richard L. Carne, jr., treasurer; James Callan, librarian, and E. Hyland Bawner, sergeant-at-arms.

Kavanaugh Court, Daughters of Isabella—Mrs. A. O'Sullivan, grand regent; Mrs. Mamie Bowers, vice grand regent; Mrs. A. Roland, historian; Miss A. Devitt, financial secretary; Mrs. A. Evans, treasurer; Mrs. Mary C. Duffey, monitor; Miss Mary King, prophetess; Mrs. Nettie Brill, lecturer; Mrs. B. De Vaughan, sentinel; Rev. H. J. Cutler, chaplain; Miss Mary Devitt, organist.

O'Kane Council, No. 434, Catholic Benevolent Legion—J. D. Normoyle, president; F. T. Quinn, secretary; M. J. McFarland, collector; R. L. Wenzel, treasurer.

There are a number of smaller Catholic organizations in the parish, several of which are church and others beneficial



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societies, among them being the Catholic Benevolent Legion, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name Society, and League of the Sacred Heart. All of these societies have a large membership, but perhaps the Holy Name Society, recently organized, with 300 members, has a larger number than any of the others.

The Elks Lodge.

Alexandria Lodge, No. 758, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, occupies a strong position among the fraternal societies in the city. Established about eight years ago, it has steadily grown in numbers, until at the present time it has enrolled 350 members. On October 3 this organization dedicated its handsome new home, on the corner of Royal and Prince streets. This building, which had been erected at a cost of \$25,000, is a very handsome structure and complete in all its details. Among its features are its rathskeller and club room on the first floor, an auditorium on the second floor, and the lodge room on the third. Its officers are as follows:

Howard W. Smith, exalted ruler; H. B. Quinn, esteemed leading knight; Robert S. Barrett, esteemed loyal knight; James W. Bales, esteemed lecturing knight; Walter M. Donnelly, secretary; David E. Robey, treasurer; T. B. Downey, outer guard; L. P. Shuman, Charles B. Marshall, and Thomas Chauncy, trustees.

Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Alva Aerie, No. 871, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, was established in 1896 and has had a steady and uninterrupted growth. Its finances are in a most flourishing condition, its members very enthusiastic over the order, and its prospects for a bright and prosperous future are most excellent. Its officers are:

John A. Rice, past president; Walter Jacobson, worthy president; A. A. Paul, vice president; O. H. Daniels, chaplain; J. H. West, secretary; Harvey Summers, treasurer; C. H. Zimmerman, P. T. Harrington, and Thomas Chauncey, trustees; James B. Lucas, inside guard, and T. B. Downey, outside guard.

Odd Fellow Lodges.

There are two Odd Fellow lodges in Alexandria, besides an encampment and a Rebecca lodge. Odd Fellows' Hall, in North Columbus street, and Sarepta Hall, in King street, are used by these two lodges for their meeting place.

Potomac Lodge, No. 38, is one of the oldest Odd Fellow lodges in the State. It secured its first charter on March 6, 1839, when Alexandria was a part of the District of Columbia. It has a member-lodges for their meeting places.

L. E. Stonnell, noble grand; V. C. Davis, vice grand; W. A. Conway, recording secretary; W. E. Latham, financial secretary, and L. Morgan Davis, treasurer.

The officers of Sarepta Lodge, No. 46, which has a membership of 165, are as follows:

F. Kouba, noble grand; O. H. Daniels, vice grand; C. N. Rauch, recording secretary; E. T. Steel, financial secretary, and C. S. Self, treasurer.

The officers of Marley Encampment, No. 6, are: W. L. Riddon, chief patriarch; W. A. Conway, senior warden; R. M. Watkins, scribe, and P. H. Bradshaw, treasurer. It has a membership of sixty.

Royal Arcanum.

There are two branches of this well-known organization in Alexandria. Alexandria Council, No. 627, and George Mason Council, No. 718. The first, which was established in 1881, has the following officers: J. T. Watkins, regent; Alvin Powell, vice regent; James G. Graham, orator; J. W. Talbot, past regent; J. E. Alexander, secretary; George Uhler, treasurer; S. M. Pulfman, collector; R. M. Prettyman, chaplain; James H. Mansfield, guide; B. Entwistle, warden; A. Nalls, sentry.

George Mason Council was established in 1898, and has the following officers: F. J. Petty, regent; George Schwab, vice regent; T. J. Fegan, orator; W. F. Baker, past regent; M. J. McFarland, secretary; F. G. Creighton, treasurer, and Frank Warfield, collector.

Red Men.

Osceola Tribe, No. 1, of the Independent Order of Red Men, has the distinction of being the oldest Red Men's society in America. For that reason its members are always received with great interest in every other lodge of the order that they visit. Its officers are W. H. Helms, sachem; W. H. Walters, senior sagamore; R. L. Hains, junior sagamore; A. J. Butcher, prophet; Charles Nagel, scribe; F. Kaus, keeper of wampum; E. F. Downham, collector of wampum.

Seminole Tribe, No. 35, is one of the youngest lodges in Alexandria, having been organized October 18, 1908. Its officers are: L. P. Woodward, sachem; C. H. May, senior sagamore; M. W. Glasgow, junior sagamore; D. E. Robey, prophet; Clinton Knight, chief of records; A. M. Dawson, collector of wampum, and W. Finks, keeper of wampum.

Junior Order American Mechanics.

There are two councils of the Junior Order of American Mechanics in Alexandria, besides two councils of Daughters of America and one of Daughters of Liberty. The oldest is the J. W. Jackson Council, No. 55, which has the following officers: J. S. Miller, junior past counselor; Thomas Dawson, counselor; Earl Wells, vice counselor; S. A. Forrest, recording secretary; W. K. Griffith, assistant recording secretary; C. H. Herbert, financial secretary; R. L. Merchant, treasurer; William Dawson, inside sentinel, and Edward Kidd, outside sentinel.

Belle Haven Council, No. 61, of the Junior Order; Mount Vernon Council, No. 1, and Mary Washington Council, No. 4, of the Daughters of America, and Friendship Council, No. 28, of the Daughters of Liberty, are all in a most flourishing condition.

Other Societies.

Among the other organizations of Alexandria which have a noticeable bearing upon the life of the community are the two tribes of Maccabees, which are Alexandria Hive, No. 2, and Alexandria Hive, No. 3; Belle Haven Council, No. 2388, of the Knights of Honor; Oriental Lodge, No. 6, of the Knights of Pythias; Fraternal Order of Americans; Alexandria Camp, No. 11335, of Modern Woodmen; Perseverance Tent, No. 1098, of the Rechabites; Alexandria Council, No. 665, of the National Union, and the Travelers' Protective Association, of which R. M. Graham is president and Julian Y. Williams secretary.

Among other organizations of Alexandria which are not secret societies may be mentioned the Alexandria Medical Society, the Confederate Veterans, the Civic Improvement League, the Council of Jewish Women, the Daughters of the Confederacy, the George Washington Birthday Association, the Hebrew Benevolent Society, the Mount Vernon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Confederacy, Washington Monument Association, the Colonial Dames, the Young Men's Senate, and various labor organizations.

Not that Kind of a Box.

From the Boston Transcript.
Mrs. Blabb (boastfully)—You know we have an opera box.
Mrs. Crab—How nice! How many tunes does it play?